

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a description of multimedia contents based on a usage environment descriptor and a user preference descriptor of the multimedia contents, ~~an~~ adaptation a method of generating a digital item declaration document configured to be implemented in an electronic device, the method comprising:

applying a "ChoicePrecedence" to ~~an~~ the input DID instance document;

modifying a corresponding "ChoicePrecedence" of the input DID instance document in an order designated in the "ChoicePrecedence"; and

generating a rearranged DID instance document, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" is a relative precedence and designates higher or lower than a "BaseChoice".

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein a process of inserting a DIAinDID descriptor into the DID instance document is preceded so as to make it possible to modify the input DID instance document adaptably, wherein the DIAinDID represents a corresponding choice.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 2, wherein the ~~DIA~~inDID descriptor includes a "TargetChoice" and a target choice condition.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the input DID instance document is an original DID instance document.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the input DID instance document is a recently adapted DID instance document obtained by modification just before adaptation.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the input DID instance document is a newly adapted DID instance document generated by a current adaptive modification.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" applies a "SpecifiedPrecedence".
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" applies a "BaseChoice".

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" is designated as an absolute precedence.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" is designated as one of a "First" precedence, a "Second" precedence, a "Third" precedence and a "Last" precedence.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" includes a "Preemptive" excluding previously considered choices from the consideration and performing a configuration process while considering only a designated choice.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" includes a "Delete" precedence deleting a designated choice and performing a configuration process.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the rearranged DID instance document is generated by using an attribute of "reset" for using an original DID instance document as an adapted DID instance document just before in case the "ChoicePrecedence" is applied to generate the DID instance document.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the rearranged DID instance document is generated by using an attribute of "reorder" for referring to choice, which does not exist in an adapted DID instance document just before, in an original DID instance document in case the "ChoicePrecedence" is applied to generate the DID instance document.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~adaptation~~ method of claim 1, wherein the rearranged DID instance document is generated by using an attribute of "before" to represent whether to designate higher or lower precedence than a "BaseChoice" in case the "ChoicePrecedence" is applied to generate the DID instance document.

17. (Currently Amended) In a description of multimedia contents based on a usage environment descriptor and a user preference descriptor of the multimedia contents, a method

of generating a "ChoicePrecedence" descriptor of a digital item configured to be implemented in an electronic device, the method comprising:

describing a "TargetChoice" of the digital item, a condition if necessary, and a "ChoicePrecedenceClass"; and

describing a "SpecifiedPrecedence" or a "BaseChoice" to the "ChoicePrecedenceClass", wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" is a relative precedence and designates higher or lower than a "BaseChoice".

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the "ChoicePrecedenceClass" includes a "First" precedence meaning an absolute precedence of a corresponding choice, a "Second" precedence, a "Third" precedence, a "Last" precedence, a "Preemptive" precedence, and a "Delete" precedence.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the "ChoicePrecedence" descriptor includes an attribute of "reset" for using an original DID instance document as a recently adapted DID instance document, an attribute of "reorder" for referring to choice, which does not exist in an adapted DID instance document just before, in an original DID instance document, and an attribute of "before" for representing whether to designate higher or lower precedence than a "BaseChoice".